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City Native Named Head Of Air Base



COL. GEORGE McCAFFERTY
New Commander

A Worcester native has been named commander of Pope Air Force Base, N.C., and the base's 464th Air Base Group.

Col. George O. McCafferty, 43, succeeds Col. John A. Cosgrove, who held the two positions since May 1959.

Col. McCafferty was assigned to Pope last summer after commanding Evreux-Fauville Air Base, France. For the last three months he has been a special assistant to the 464th Troop Carrier Wing commander. His base serves a troop carrier wing of the Ninth Air Force.

He is a 1940 graduate of Holy Cross and was commissioned an Air Force officer and pilot in February 1941. He served three years as a flying instructor and then, after promotion to major, was commander of the 379th Bomber Squadron, 93rd Bomber Group in England.

Col. McCafferty took part in 19 raids over Germany before his B-24 was shot down in an attack on Magdeburg in September 1944. He was a prisoner of war until April 1945.

After the war he attended the Air Command and Staff School, served at the Air University and with the Central Intelligence Agency, attended the Air War College, and commanded the Second Air Rescue Group in Okinawa. He served in France from 1957 until last summer.

He is married to the former Rita Power of Worcester. They have two sons and three daughters.

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